Flower market in Okhla

†628. DR. A. K. PATEL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact the the Government of NCT of Delhi has decided to set up an international level flower market in Okhla;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the said land belongs to Municipal Corporation of Delhi or to Delhi Development Authority; and

(d) the category of flower merchants to whom shops would be allotted, alongwith the cost of shops and the criterion under which the said shops would be allotted to flower merchants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) and (b) The Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi has informed that a local floriculture market is being developed at Okhla.

(c) The land for the market has been allotted by Delhi Development Authority.

(d) Distribution of shops to flower seller in this market has not been decided by the Government.

Improving floriculture

629. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: Will the Minister of Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the floriculture industry in the country is saddled with a debt burden of over Rs. 100 crore and needs Government incentives to gear itself for global competition, by improving productivity and cutting cost; and

(b) if so, the measures taken and incentives extended for making floriculture a viable industry which could face competition from China and African Countries in the international market?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OFAGRICULTURE(SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) and (b) Floriculture units established to export

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